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TO : Chief, PPS

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FROM : Chief, LETS

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report #19

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

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Initiation of the first "Americans in [] course occurred this week. Eighteen persons are enrolled. This course, like other area courses, has the strength of being a cooperative, with contributions by experts from throughout the Agency.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. Two applicants for the two-year program at [] have been certified by OTR Qualifications Review Panels and approved by the Director of Training. Several other persons are known to be interested but have not applied due to inability to meet the language proficiency standards.

2. Three persons have been certified and approved for the Near East Analysts' Summer Program at [] Two applicants failed to meet standards of the Qualifications Review Panels, and the papers of one other applicant were withdrawn on the morning the Panel was to meet. No other applicants will be considered this year.

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3. Following questions raised by the Qualifications Review Panel on OSI's request to provide one year's training in fundamentals of education at Teachers' College, [] have had two further exploratory meetings with OSI personnel endeavoring to arrive at a clearer understanding of OSI objectives and at development of a suitable plan. [] now is endeavoring to design a program to approach the OSI stated objective.

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4. ORR ([] and one other) has discussed with LETS appropriateness and means of developing a tutorial program in [] for training in a special aspect of cartography. ORR now is pursuing suggested exploratory steps.

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5. [] and other persons in the Eastern Department now are located in Quarters Eye. Presently under way in that building are the following courses: []

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25X1 6. A new series of area familiarization films in color, made by Caltex, has been made available by the Graphic Aids Section. [] consider those on France and Norway to be the best yet used on those areas.

25X1 7. The first meeting of the Western Department was held on Tuesday, 8 May. [] was appointed as Deputy to [], The long term integration of the area and language programs was discussed. 25X1 25X1

25X1 8. [] has turned over to [] materials for an intermediate [] Reader based on newspaper and magazine sources. The photo off-set process will be used, and the letters will be enlarged to facilitate reading.

25X1 9. Current enrollment in internal language training programs is [] in class and [] in self-study. During the past week, the lab was used for a total of [] hours. 25X1



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